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FOLLOWING ACCRA 3353 SENT ACTION SECSTATE MAY 5;
REPEATED TO YOU QUOTE

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1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED. FOLLOWING STATEMENT BY
GOVERNMENT OF GHANA WAS FRONTPAGED IN LOCAL PRESS
MAY 5 UNDER CAPTIONS "SUPPORT FOR US PEACE MOVES"
AND "GHANA BACKS U.S. EFFORTS."

"UNITED STATES INITIATIVE ON SOUTH AFRICA

"THE GOVERNMENT HAS NOTED THE INCREASING ROLE THE
UNITED STATES SEEKS TO PLAY IN THE SEARCH FOR A JUST
SOCIETY IN SOUTHERN AFRICA AND DECLARES ITS SUPPORT
FOR THE EFFORTS OF THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION TO MAKE
THE ADVANCEMENT OF HUMAN RIGHTS A PIVOT OF ITS
FOREIGN POLICY.

"THE GOVERNMENT THEREFORE LOOKS ON WITH CAUTIOUS
HOPE FOR THE OUTCOME OF THE PROPOSED MEETING
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BETWEEN THE VICE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES,
MR. WALTER MONDALE AND THE SOUTH AFRICAN PRIME
MINISTER, JOHN VORSTER, WHICH IS SCHEDULED TO TAKE
PLACE IN VIENNA, AUSTRIA, ON MAY 19TH.

"THE GOVERNMENT, HOWEVER, WISHES TO REITERATE ITS
WARNING TO ALL PARTIES IN THE SOUTHERN AFRICAN

DRAMA THAT TIME IS RUNNING OUT FOR PEACEFUL SOLUTIONS
TO THE PROBLEMS IN THAT AREA. J. K. ANAMAN, PRESS
SECRETARY." END UNCLASSIFIED

2. BEGIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

COMMENT: THIS GOG STATEMENT IS UNPRECEDENTED,
COMBINING AS IT DOES PUBLIC SUPPORT FOR BOTH OUR
SOUTHERN AFRICAN POLICIES AND FOR OUR STAND ON HUMAN
RIGHTS. IN THE PAST, GOG HAS OFTEN VIEWED OUR
SOUTHERN AFRICAN EFFORTS WITH A BARELY VEILED
SKEPTICISM. IT ALSO TOOK US TO TASK PRIVATELY
FOR SOME OF THE STATEMENTS MADE IN HUMAN RIGHTS
REPORT ON GHANA. WE BELIEVE THIS FAVORABLE GOG
RESPONSE SPRINGS FROM SEVERAL SOURCES--ANNOUNCEMENT
OF MONDALE/VORSTER MEETING, CURRENT (AND STILL
QUIET) GOG EFFORT TO UNIFY RHODESIAN NATIONALISTS BY
INVITING THEM TO ACCRA, AND FACT THAT AMBASSADOR
DURING MAY 3 MEETING PERSONALLY GAVE HEAD OF STATE
ACHEAMPONG A COPY OF SECRETARY'S APRIL 30 HUMAN
RIGHTS ADDRESS. IT ALSO LIKELY THAT ACHEAMPONG
WANTS TO GET IN OUR GOOD GRACES SO WE WILL RESPOND
AFFIRMATIVELY TO RECENT REQUESTS FOR ADDITIONAL AID.

3. DEPT PASS OTHER AFRICAN POSTS AS APPROPRIATE.
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